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Re: Required Actions Pertaining to the Travertine #8-#9 Mine and Notice UTU-78691.

By letter dated November 16, 2001, we notified you of the additional information required for placement of the motor home at the mine site of the Travertine #8-#9 Mine. You were also notified in this letter that reclamation at the site would have to be completed by the end of December 2001 or the project would exceed the 5 acre threshold of surface disturbance and a plan of operations would be required. We received your response to these matters on December 27, 2001.

With regard to authorizing placement of the motor home at the site, your response was deficient pertaining to two items of information. First, you are required to provide the estimated period of use of the motor home as well as the schedule for removal when operations end. Second, a detailed map is required that delineates the proposed location of the motor home at the site. The required information must be submitted by February 28, 2002 or the motor home must be removed from the site. However, we have obtained a GPS coordinate of the present location of the motor home on the site and we will assume this is the proposed location for placement of the motor home unless you notify us otherwise.

You indicated in your response that the motor home is necessary at the site because 1) valuable rock is disappearing from the mine site and the appearance of occupancy associated with the motor home would act as a deterrent for thieves and 2) as continual mining operations are underway, estimated to begin sometime during the end of January, the motor home would serve as a guard shack for 24-hour surveillance at the mine site, thereby protecting valuable rock products and equipment from theft and vandalism.

The motor home currently at the site appears inoperable and abandoned. Therefore, it does not provide the appearance of occupancy and we have witnessed that it does not deter vehicles from roaming the site. In order to appear occupied or to be utilized as a guard shack the motor home would have to be fixed up considerably. Consequently, your proposal for placing the motor home on the site can not be authorized until the improvements are made and the motor home can actually be occupied. Otherwise the motor home can only be considered as an abandoned vehicle on public lands. These improvements to the motor home should be made by February 28, 2002 or the motor home should be removed from the site.



On December 11, 2001 you were present during an inspection conducted at the mine site by Brent Northrup representing the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Paul Baker representing the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. An area was staked on the ground where future mining of travertine was projected. This area was mapped utilizing a GPS unit and based on the information obtained the projected mining area is estimated at about 3.8 acres. Therefore, even if the existing disturbed areas located primarily on the south side of the mine access road are reclaimed, the remaining existing disturbance and the projected disturbance would exceed 5 acres. Your submission dated 12/27/01 indicates that reclamation at the site had to be postponed until the end of January 2002 due to frozen ground and personal health problems. We accept this justification for delaying the reclamation at the mine site. Although it appears inevitable that the 5 acre threshold will be exceeded and a plan of operations is necessary, we will postpone a final determination until the scheduled reclamation is completed. This reclamation must be completed by February 28, 2002 or a plan of operations will be required.

Your submission of 12/27/01 indicates the need for a fence at the mine site to prevent vandalism and theft of valuable rock. However, authorization for placement of a fence requires the same information as that required for any structure which is 1) a detailed map that identifies the placement of the fence, 2) a description of how the fence is reasonably incident to mining, and 3) the estimated period of use of the structure as well as the schedule for removal and reclamation when operations end. Your proposal for placement of a fence on the mine site can not be authorized until all of this information is provided. If you determine a proposed location of the fence we could meet you at the site to map the location for you, but you must provide all of the other required information to this office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brent Northrup at (435) 259-2151.

Sincerely,

/s/ William Stringer

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